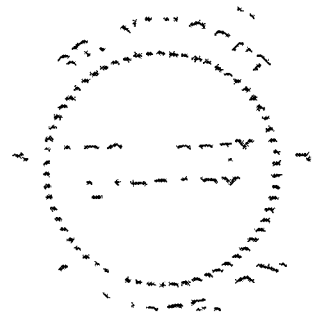


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CALENDAR OF FEASTS

January

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|----|---|-------------------|
| 10 | St. Gregory of Nyssa, bishop | Optional Memorial |
| 15 | St. Maurus and St. Placid, disciples
of our Holy Father St. Benedict | Memorial |
| 26 | St. Robert, St. Alberic and St. Stephen, abbots of Citeaux | Optional Memorial |

February

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| 10 | St. Scholastica, virgin | Feast |
| 11 | St. Benedict of Aniane, abbot | Optional Memorial |

March

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| 21 | The Passing of Our Holy Father Benedict, abbot | Feast |
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April

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| 23 | St. Adalbert, bishop and martyr | Optional Memorial |
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May

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| 11 | St. Odo, St. Maiolus, St. Odilo, St. Hugh
and Blessed Peter the Venerable, abbots of Cluny | Memorial |
| 15 | St. Pacomius, abbot | Optional Memorial |
| 19 | St. Celestine, pope and hermit | Optional Memorial |

June

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|----|---|-------------------|
| 11 | Solemnity of Our Holy Father Benedict, abbot | Solemnity |
| 12 | St. John Gualberti, abbot | Optional Memorial |
| 29 | St. Martha, St. Mary and St. Lazarus, hosts of the Lord | Memorial |

August

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| 19 | St. Bernard Tolomei, abbot | Optional Memorial |
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September

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| 17 | St. Hildegard, virgin | Optional Memorial |
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November

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| 7 | St. Willibrord, bishop | Optional Memorial |
| 12 | St. Theodore of Studis, abbot | Optional Memorial |
| 19 | St. Mechtilde, virgin | Optional Memorial |
| 26 | St. Silvester, abbot | Optional Memorial |

December

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| 5 | St. Saba, abbot | Optional Memorial |
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Votive Mass of St. Benedict

Common of Holy Monks and Nuns

JANUARY

January 10

ST. GREGORY OF NYSSA, bishop

Optional Memorial

Common of Pastors; Mass
4. (Common of Holy Men
and Women, Mass 4 may
also be used.)

Introductory Rites

I will raise up for myself a faithful priest; he will do what
is in my heart and in my mind, says the Lord. (1 Sam. 2:35)

OPENING PRAYER

**God our Father,
St. Gregory, your bishop,
praised you by the splendor of his life and teaching.
In your kindness,
as we forget what is past
and reach out to what is before us,
help us to attain that vocation to which we are called.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.**

See Lectionary for Mass,
nos. 719-724.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

**Lord,
accept the gifts your people offer you
on this feast of St. Gregory of Nyssa.
May these gifts bring us
your help for which we long.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.**

Communion Rite

I came that men may have life, and have it to the full, says
the Lord. (John 10:10)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Lord our God,
you give us the holy body and blood
of your Son.
May the salvation we celebrate
be our undying hope.
Grant this through Christ our Lord.**

January 15

**ST. MAURUS AND ST. PLACID, disciples of our Holy Father St. Benedict
Memorial**

Introductory Rites

These are the saints who received blessings from the Lord, a prize from God their Savior. They are the people that long to see his face. (See Ps. 23:5-6)

OPENING PRAYER

**Lord our God,
you have filled us with wonder
by the example of monastic observance
in the lives of blessed Maurus and Placid.
As we follow in their footsteps,
may we come to share in their reward.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.**

See Lectionary for Mass,
no. 737-742.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

**Lord,
may the gifts we bring to your altar
in memory of saints Maurus and Placid
be acceptable to you.
Free us from the things that keep us from you
and teach us to seek you as our only good.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.**

Communion Rite

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord; blessed is he
who hopes in God. (Ps. 33:9)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Lord,
by the power of this sacrament and the example of
saints Maurus and Placid
guide us always in your love.
May the good work you have begun in us
reach perfection in the day of Christ Jesus
who is Lord for ever and ever.**

January 26

ST. ROBERT, ST. ALBERIC AND ST. STEPHEN, abbots of Citeaux
Optional memorial

Introductory Rites

May all your works praise you, Lord, and your saints bless you; they will tell of the glory of your kingdom and proclaim your power. (Ps. 144:10-11)

OPENING PRAYER

**God of power and might,
you have given us in your saints
a living witness to religious perfection.
Schooled in their principles and observances,
may we, too, strive to show that same faith
and love in our lives.**

**We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.**

See Lectionary for Mass,
nos. 737-742.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

**Lord,
in your kindness hear our prayers
and the prayers which the saints offer on our behalf.
Watch over us that we may offer fitting service at your
altar.**

Grant this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

Communion Rite

May the just rejoice as they feast in God's presence, and
delight in gladness of heart. (Ps. 67:4)

or:

Blessed are those servants whom the Lord finds watching
when he comes; truly I tell you, he will seat them at his
table and wait on them. (Luke 12:37)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Father, our comfort and peace,
we have gathered as your family
to praise your name and honor your saints.
Let the sacrament we have received
be the sign and pledge of our salvation.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.**

FEBRUARY

February 10

ST. SCHOLASTICA, virgin

Feast

Introductory Rites

Come, bride of Christ, and receive the crown, which the Lord has prepared for you for ever.

OPENING PRAYER

**Lord our God,
you robed the virgin Scholastica
with the beauty and splendor of innocence.
Help us to walk blamelessly before you
that in the company of virgins
we might praise your name for ever,
and find our delight in you.**

**Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.**

See Lectionary for Mass:
Reading I, no. 731(1); Re-
sponsorial Psalm, no. 733
(2); Alleluia Verse, John
14:23; Gospel, no. 736 (3)

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

**Lord,
St. Scholastica gave you hidden and faithful service.
Through her intercession,
may these our gifts and offerings
find favor in your sight.**

We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

Preface (Proper to con-
vents of Nuns)

**Priest: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.**

**Priest: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

**Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

**Father, all-powerful and ever-living God,
we do well always and everywhere to give you
thanks
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Desiring his Church to be adorned with
virginal splendor
he willed St. Scholastica
to be graced in simplicity and robed with
innocence.**

**Schooled by St. Benedict in holiness
she sought you above all things.
Made perfect in grace
she rejoices for ever in your love.
And therefore we sing your praise
with all the company of Angels and Saints,
as we joyfully proclaim:**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and
might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Communion Rite

The wise virgin chose the better part for herself, and it
shall not be taken away from her. (See Luke 10:42)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Lord,
you have nourished us with your body and blood.
By the prayer of St. Scholastica,
may we give you loving and faithful service.
Grant this through Christ our Lord.**

February 11

ST. BENEDICT OF ANIANE, abbot
Optional Memorial

Common of Pastors, Mass
6. (Common of Holy Men
and Women, Mass 5 may
also be used.)

Introductory Rites

Priests of God, bless the Lord; praise God, all you that are
holy and humble of heart. (Dan. 3:84, 87)

OPENING PRAYER

Lord our God,
through the teaching and example of the blessed
abbot Benedict
you instilled the monastic Order with new life.
Through his intercession,
may we hold fast to the perfect following of Christ,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

See Lectionary for Mass,
nos. 719-724.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Lord,
accept these gifts from your people.
May the eucharist we offer to your glory
in honor of blessed Benedict
help us on our way to salvation.
Grant this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

Communion Rite

The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve,
and to give his life as a ransom for many. (Matthew 20:28)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord,
we receive the bread of heaven
as we honor the memory of blessed Benedict.
May the eucharist we now celebrate
lead us to eternal joys.
Grant this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

MARCH

March 21

THE PASSING OF OUR HOLY FATHER BENEDICT, abbot

Feast

Introductory Rites

The Lord is my inheritance and my cup; he alone will give me my reward. The measuring line has marked a lovely place for me; my inheritance is my great delight. (Ps. 15:5-6)

OPENING PRAYER

**Lord our God,
you filled the blessed abbot Benedict
with the spirit of your Son
and made him a master in the way of perfection.
As we celebrate his entrance into glory,
may we attain that love which surpasses all
understanding.**

**We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.**

Proper Readings

READING I

Prov. 2:1-9

A reading from the book of Proverbs

Apply your heart to learn wisdom

My son, if you receive my words
and treasure my commands,
Turning your ear to wisdom,
inclining your heart to understanding;
Yes, if you call to intelligence,
and to understanding raise your voice;
If you seek her like silver,
and like hidden treasures search her out;
Then will you understand the fear of the Lord;
the knowledge of God you will find;
For the Lord gives wisdom,
from his mouth come knowledge and understanding;
He has counsel in store for the upright,
he is the shield of those who walk honestly,
Guarding the paths of justice,
protecting the way of his pious ones.
Then you will understand rectitude and justice,
honesty, every good path.

This is the Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps. 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 11

R. (5) You are my inheritance, O Lord.

All: R. You are my inheritance, O Lord.

Keep me, O God, for in you I take refuge;

I say to the Lord, "My Lord are you."

O Lord, my allotted portion and my cup,
you it is who hold fast my lot.

R. You are my inheritance, O Lord.

I bless the Lord who counsels me;

even in the night my heart exhorts me.

I set the Lord ever before me;

with him at my right hand I shall not be disturbed.

R. You are my inheritance, O Lord.

You will show me the path to life,

fullness of joys in your presence,

the delights at your right hand forever.

R. You are my inheritance, O Lord.

GOSPEL

Matthew 19:27-29

V. Alleluia. R. Alleluia.

Matthew 5:3

V. Happy the poor in spirit;

the kingdom of heaven is theirs! R. Alleluia.

✠ A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew

You who have left all things to follow me will receive a hundredfold

At that time Peter said to Jesus: "Here we have put everything aside to follow you. What can we expect from it?"

Jesus said to them: "I give you my solemn word, in the new age when the Son of Man takes his seat upon a throne befitting his glory, you who have followed me shall likewise take your places on twelve thrones to judge the twelve tribes of Israel. Moreover, everyone who has given up home, brothers or sisters, father or mother, wife or children or property for my sake will receive many times as much and inherit everlasting life.

This is the gospel of the Lord.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Lord,
 may the prayer of St. Benedict accompany
 these our gifts
 which we offer you in devoted service.
 Sharing now in the sufferings of Christ,
 may we hereafter be united with him in his glory.
 We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Preface

Priest: **The Lord be with you.**
 People: **And also with you.**
 Priest: **Lift up your hearts.**
 People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**
 Priest: **Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.**
 People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

**Father, all-powerful and ever-living God,
we do well always and everywhere to give you
thanks.**

**We praise you for the life and teaching of
blessed Benedict.**

**Preferring nothing to the love of Christ,
he consecrated himself and his disciples
in the service of the one true King.**

**You chose him as a Master in the way of
perfection**

**so that inspired by his work and example,
your people might seek you in truth
and strive for the rewards you have promised.**

**And therefore we sing your praise
with all the company of Angels and Saints
as we joyfully proclaim:**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and
might,**

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Communion Rite

I solemnly tell you: those who have left everything and
followed me will be repaid a hundredfold and will gain
eternal life. (See Matthew 19:27-29)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Lord,
may St. Benedict,
who passed to you strengthened by these mysteries,
pray for us.
May our lives express the love
which urges us on to our eternal glory.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.**

APRIL

April 23

ST. ADALBERT, bishop and martyr **Optional Memorial**

Common of Martyrs,
Mass 10. (Common of Pastors,
Mass 3, or Common of Holy Men and Women,
Mass 2 may also be used.)

Introductory Rites

Light for ever will shine on your saints, O Lord, alleluia.
(See 4 Esdras 2:35)

OPENING PRAYER

Lord our God,
you chose blessed Adalbert, your bishop,
for the ministry of your word
and consecrated him through martyrdom.
Through his prayer and example,
may we be attentive to your precepts
and proclaim your gospel in word and deed.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

See Lectionary for Mass,
nos. 713-718.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Lord,
accept this offering of praise and peace
in memory of your martyr Adalbert.
May it bring us your forgiveness
and inspire us to give you thanks now and for ever.
Grant this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

Communion Rite

I tell you solemnly: Unless a grain of wheat falls on the
ground and dies, it remains a single grain; but if it dies, it
yields a rich harvest, alleluia. (John 12:24-25)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord,
we receive your gifts from heaven
at this joyful feast.
May we who proclaim at this holy table
the death and resurrection of your Son
come to share his glory with all your holy martyrs.
Grant this through Christ our Lord.

MAY

May 11

ST. ODO, ST. MAIOLUS, ST. ODILO, ST. HUGH AND BLESSED PETER THE VENERABLE, abbots of Cluny Memorial

Introductory Rites

The just man will flourish like the palm tree. Planted in the courts of God's house, he will grow great like the cedars of Lebanon. (Ps. 91:13-14)

OPENING PRAYER

**Lord our God,
you are the shield and glorious reward
of those who walk blamelessly before you.
Keep us steadfast in your holy service
so that by the example and intercession
of the blessed abbots of Cluny,
we may with open hearts
run the path of perfect charity.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.**

See Lectionary for Mass,
nos. 737-742.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

**Lord,
give to us who offer these gifts at your altar
the same spirit of love that filled the blessed abbots of
Cluny.
By celebrating this sacred eucharist with pure minds
and loving hearts
may we offer a sacrifice that pleases you,
and brings salvation to us.
Grant this through Christ our Lord.**

Communion Rite

Come to me, all you that labor and are burdened, and I
will give you rest, says the Lord. (Matthew 11:28)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Lord,
may the sacrament of holy communion which we
receive
bring us health and strengthen us
in the light of your truth.
We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.**

May 15

ST. PACOMIUS, abbot
Optional Memorial

Introductory Rites

The teaching of truth was in his mouth, and no wrong was found on his lips; he walked with me in peace and justice, and turned many away from wickedness. (Mal. 2:6)

OPENING PRAYER

**Lord our God,
you raised blessed abbot Pacomius
to the heights of virtue and doctrine.
Through his example,
may we seek before all else the bread of your word
which enlightens our minds
and brings peace to our hearts.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.**

See Lectionary for Mass,
nos. 737-742.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

**Lord,
may this sacrifice we share
on the feast of St. Pacomius,
give you praise
and help us on our way to salvation.
Grant this in the name of Jesus the Lord.**

Communion Rite

Happy are the pure of heart for they shall see God.
Happy the peacemakers; they shall be called sons of
God. Happy are they who suffer persecution for justice'
sake; the kingdom of heaven is theirs. (Matthew 5:8-10)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Lord,
our hunger is satisfied by your holy gift.
May we who have celebrated this eucharist
experience in our lives the salvation which it brings.
We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.**

May 19

ST. CELESTINE, pope and hermit
Optional Memorial

Introductory Rites

The Lord sealed a covenant of peace with him, and made him a prince, bestowing the priestly dignity upon him for ever. (See Sir. 45:30)

OPENING PRAYER

**Lord our God,
you are the crown of your saints
and the glory of the lowly.
You called blessed Celestine to serve you humbly
both as pope and hermit.
By his intercession,
may we follow the hard road
that leads to life eternal.
Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.**

See Lectionary for Mass,
nos. 719-724.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

**Lord,
may the sacrifice which wipes away the sins
of all the world
bring us your forgiveness.
Help us as we offer it
on this yearly feast in honor of St. Celestine.
Grant this through Christ our Lord.**

Communion Rite

Lord, you know all things: you know that I love you.
(John 21:17)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Lord God,
let the power of the gifts we receive
on this feast of St. Celestine,
take full effect within us.
May this eucharist bring us your help in this life
and lead us to happiness in the unending life to come.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.**

JULY

July 11

SOLEMNITY OF OUR HOLY FATHER BENEDICT, 'abbot

Introductory Rites

The Lord is my inheritance and my cup; he alone will give me my reward. The measuring line has marked a lovely place for me; my inheritance is my great delight. (Ps. 15:5-6)

OPENING PRAYER

Lord,
by your grace St. Benedict became a great teacher
in the school of your service.
Grant that we may put nothing before our love of
you
and may walk eagerly in the path of your
commandments.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

See Lectionary for Mass,
page 17.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Lord,
receive our offerings on the feast of St. Benedict.
Teach us to follow his example in seeking you
and grant us the gifts of unity and peace.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Proper Preface, page 19.

Communion Rite

I solemnly tell you: those who have left everything and followed me will be repaid a hundredfold and will gain eternal life. (See Matthew 19:27-29)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord,
we have received in this sacrament
the pledge of eternal life.
Enable us to follow St. Benedict's teaching
by growing in devotion to the sacred liturgy
and in love for our brothers and sisters.
We ask this through Christ our Lord,

July 12

ST. JOHN GUALBERTI, abbot
Optional Memorial

Introductory Rites

The Lord is my inheritance and my cup; he alone will give me my reward. The measuring line has marked a lovely place for me; my inheritance is my great delight. (Ps. 15:5-6)

OPENING PRAYER

**Almighty and ever-living God,
source of true peace and lover of concord,
to know you is true life,
to serve you is perfect freedom.
Establish us in our love for you
that by the example of blessed John, your abbot,
we may render good for evil
and blessings instead of curses,
and so find in you pardon and peace.
Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.**

See Lectionary for Mass,
nos. 737-742.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

**God of all mercy,
you transformed St. John
and made him a new creature in your image.
Renew us in the same way
by making our gifts of peace acceptable to you.
We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.**

Communion Rite

I solemnly tell you: those who have left everything and followed me will be repaid a hundredfold and will gain eternal life. (See Matthew 19:27-29)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**All-powerful God,
may we who are strengthened by the power of this
sacrament
learn from the example of St. John
to seek you above all things
and to live in this world as your new creation.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.**

July 29

**ST. MARTHA, ST. MARY AND ST. LAZARUS, hosts of the Lord
Memorial**

Introductory Rites

As Jesus entered a certain village a woman called Martha welcomed him into her house. (Luke 10:38)

OPENING PRAYER

**Heavenly Father,
your Son was received
as an honored and welcome guest
in the home of Bethany.
Keep us close to the Master in our
prayer and work
that blameless in his sight
he may welcome us into our
eternal home,
who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.**

or:

**Heavenly Father,
your Son called Lazarus from the
grave
and sat at table in the house of
Bethany.
May we serve him faithfully in
our brethren
and with Mary ponder and feed
upon his Word.
Grant this through our Lord
Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.**

See Lectionary for Mass,
no. 607.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

**Lord,
we proclaim you wonderful in your saints.
As you accepted their loving service,
so receive our gifts and offerings.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.**

Communion Rite

Martha said to Jesus: You are the Christ, the Son of God,
who was to come into this world. (John 11:27)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Heavenly Father,
may this sharing in the body and blood
of your only-begotten Son
lessen our taste for all passing things.
By the example of your saints,
Lazarus, Martha and Mary,
may we grow in sincere love for you in this life,
and for ever be gladdened by your presence in
heaven.
Grant this through Christ our Lord.**

AUGUST

August 19

ST. BERNARD TOLOMEI, abbot Optional Memorial

Common of Pastors, Mass
6, (Common of Holy Men
and Women, Mass 4 may
also be used.)

Introductory Rites

I will give you shepherds after my own heart, and they
shall feed you on knowledge and sound teaching. (Jer.
3:15)

OPENING PRAYER

Lord our God,
through blessed abbot Bernard,
you enriched your Church with a new form
of monastic observance.
Strengthened by his help and example,
may we gain the good things
prepared for those who believe in you.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

See Lectionary for Mass,
nos. 719-724.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Lord,
accept these gifts from your people.
May the eucharist we offer to your glory
in honor of St. Bernard
help us on our way to salvation.
Grant this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

Communion Rite

The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve,
and to give his life as a ransom for many. (Matthew 20:28)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord,
we receive the bread of heaven
as we honor the memory of St. Bernard.
May the eucharist we now celebrate
lead us to eternal joys.
Grant this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

SEPTEMBER

September 17

ST. HILDEGARD, virgin Optional Memorial

Introductory Rites

Let us rejoice and shout for joy, because the Lord of all things has favored this holy and glorious virgin with his love.

OPENING PRAYER

**Lord our God,
you called blessed Hildegard, your virgin,
to the love and contemplation of your glory.
Through her intercession
may we grow in spiritual wisdom
and bear witness to it in our lives.**

**We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.**

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nos. 731-736.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

**Lord,
may the gifts we bring you
help us follow the example of St. Hildegard.
Cleanse us from our earthly way of life,
and teach us to live the new life of your kingdom.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.**

Communion Rite

The five sensible virgins took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. At midnight a cry was heard: the bridegroom is here; let us go out to meet Christ the Lord. (Matthew 25:4, 6)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Lord,
may our reception of the body and blood of your Son
keep us from harmful things.
Help us by the example of St. Hildegard
to grow in your love on earth
that we may rejoice for ever in heaven.
We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.**

NOVEMBER

November 7

ST. WILLIBRORD, bishop Optional Memorial

Common of Pastors, Mass
3. (Common of Holy Men
and Women, Mass 7 may
also be used.)

Introductory Rites

I will look after my sheep, says the Lord, and I will raise
up one shepherd who will pasture them. I, the Lord, will
be their God. (Ezek. 34:11, 23-24)

OPENING PRAYER

Lord our God,
you inspired blessed Willibrord, your bishop,
to be a pilgrim for Christ
in preaching his Word.
By his intercession,
may we stand firm in faith
and be steadfast in the promise of the Gospel.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

See Lectionary for Mass,
nos. 719-724.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Lord,
accept the gifts we bring to your holy altar
on this feast of St. Willibrord.
May our offering bring honor to your name
and pardon to your people.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Communion Rite

You have not chosen me; I have chosen you. Go and
bear fruit that will last. (John 15:16)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord,
may we who receive this sacrament
be inspired by the example of St. Willibrord.
May we learn to proclaim what he believed
and put his teaching into action.
We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

November 12

ST. THEODORE OF STUDIS, abbot
Optional Memorial

Introductory Rites

The Lord is my inheritance and my cup; he alone will give me my reward. The measuring line has marked a lovely place for me; my inheritance is my great delight. (Ps. 15:5-6)

OPENING PRAYER

**Lord our God,
through the blessed abbot Theodore,
you restored the beauty and discipline
of monastic observance.
By his help and example
may we conformed to the sufferings of Christ through
endurance
also share in his glory,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.**

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nos. 737-742.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

**God of all mercy,
you transformed St. Theodore
and made him a new creature in your image.
Renew us in the same way
by making our gifts of peace acceptable to you.
We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.**

Communion Rite

I solemnly tell you: those who have left everything and followed me will be repaid a hundredfold and will gain eternal life. (See Matthew 19:27-29)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**All-powerful God,
may we who are strengthened by the power of this
sacrament
learn from the example of St. Theodore
to seek you above all things
and to live in this world as your new creation.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.**

November 19

ST MECHTILD, VIRGIN
Optional Memorial

Common of Virgins, Mass
1. (Common of Holy Men
and Women, Mass 7 may
also be used.)

Introductory Rites

Here is a wise and faithful virgin who went with lighted
lamp to meet her Lord.

OPENING PRAYER

Lord our God,
through your loving favor,
you revealed to blessed Mechtild, your virgin,
the hidden secrets of your providence.
May we who know you now through faith
rejoice hereafter to see you face to face.
Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

See Lectionary for Mass,
nos. 731-736.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Lord,
we see the wonder of your love
in the life of the virgin Mechtild,
and her witness to Christ.
Accept our gifts of praise
and make our offering pleasing to you.
Grant this through Christ our Lord.

Communion Rite

The bridegroom is here; let us go out to meet Christ the
Lord. (Matthew 25:6)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord God,
may this eucharist renew our courage and strength.
May we remain close to you, like St. Mechtild,
by accepting in our lives
a share in the suffering of Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you for ever and ever.

November 26

ST. SILVESTER, abbot
Optional Memorial

Common of Pastors, Mass
6. (Common of Holy Men
and Women, Mass 1 may
also be used.)

Introductory Rites

Priests of God, bless the Lord; praise God, all you that are
holy and humble of heart. (Dan. 3:84, 87)

OPENING PRAYER

**Lord our God,
you inspired blessed Silvester, your abbot,
with the desire for monastic solitude
and zeal for the active ministry.
May we seek you always with true sincerity of heart
and through our service in humility
hasten towards our eternal home.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.**

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nos. 719-724.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

**Lord,
accept these gifts from your people.
May the eucharist we offer to your glory
in honor of St. Silvester
help us on our way to salvation.
Grant this in the name of Jesus the Lord.**

Communion Rite

The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve,
and to give his life as a ransom for many. (Matthew 20:28)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Lord,
we receive the bread of heaven
as we honor the memory of St. Silvester.
May the eucharist we now celebrate
lead us to eternal joys.
Grant this in the name of Jesus the Lord.**

DECEMBER

December 5

ST. SABA, abbot **Optional Memorial**

Common of Holy Men
and Women, Mass 5.
(Common of Holy Men
and Women, Mass 4 may
also be used.)

Introductory Rites

The just man will flourish like the palm tree. Planted in
the courts of God's house, he will grow great like the
cedars of Lebanon. (Ps. 91:13-14)

OPENING PRAYER

**Lord our God,
in your providence you raised up blessed Saba
to foster monastic life
and to defend and uphold the truth of the faith.
May we always live that truth in love
and serve only you,
until we attain everlasting joy and glory.
Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.**

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nos. 737-742.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

**Lord,
give to us who offer these gifts at your altar
the same spirit of love that filled St. Saba.
By celebrating this sacred eucharist with pure minds
and loving hearts
may we offer a sacrifice that pleases you,
and brings salvation to us.
Grant this through Christ our Lord.**

Communion Rite

Come to me, all you that labor and are burdened, and I
will give you rest, says the Lord. (Matthew 11:28)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Lord,
may the sacrament of holy communion which we
receive
bring us health and strengthen us
in the light of your truth.
We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.**

VOTIVE MASS OF ST. BENEDICT, abbot

Introductory Rites

The Lord is my inheritance and my cup; he alone will give me my reward. The measuring line has marked a lovely place for me; my inheritance is my great delight. (Ps. 15:5-6)

OPENING PRAYER

**Lord our God,
through the wise counsels of blessed Benedict,
you have gathered to yourself many peoples.
As we eagerly run the way of your commandments,
may his intercession
obtain for us a firm faith and peace of heart.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.**

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PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

**Lord,
in your mercy,
accept these our gifts and offerings
in memory of blessed Benedict.
In his wisdom he taught us the self-denial of the Cross
so that we might live in truth the gospel mystery.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.**

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Communion Rite

I solemnly tell you: those who have left everything and followed me will be repaid a hundredfold and will gain eternal life. (See Matthew 19:27-29)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Lord,
we have received these sacraments of your love.
May they strengthen us in the observances and
commandments of our Father Benedict,
whose life and teaching were a pattern
of brotherly love.
Grant this through Christ our Lord.**

COMMON OF HOLY MONKS AND NUNS

The texts of this Common may be used in whole or in part in place of the texts prescribed for abbots, monks or nuns in the Proper of the whole Confederation or in the Propers of the individual Congregations or Monasteries.

Introductory Rites

The Lord is my inheritance and my cup; he alone will give me my reward. The measuring line has marked a lovely place for me; my inheritance is my great delight. (Ps. 15:5-6)

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty and merciful God,
by your grace
blessed N. left all things
to follow to the end Christ poor and humble of heart.
Through his (her) prayer
perfect in us, unto the day of Christ,
that work of evangelical conversion
which you have already begun.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

See Lectionary for Mass,
nos. 737-742.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Almighty Father,
you bestowed on blessed N.
a deep love of your Holy Name.
May we approach your altar
clean of heart and with fervent charity
to offer you this sacrifice.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Preface of Virgins or Religious

Communion Rite

I solemnly tell you: those who have left everything and followed me will be repaid a hundredfold and will gain eternal life. (See Matthew 19:27-29)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Lord,
may the power of this sacrament
renew our hearts.
Through the example of blessed N.
may we hunger for those things which are above
and not those of the earth,
and so deserve to appear with Christ in glory.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.**